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March 8, 2022

**VIA ECF**

Hon. Eric N. Vitaliano, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

**Re: Burton, et al. v. Intercontinental Capital Group Inc., 2:22-cv-00691**

Dear Judge Vitaliano:

We represent Plaintiffs in the above case. Per Your Honor's individual rules, please accept this letter request to file a motion to amend or, in the alternative, for leave to amend.

Plaintiffs' complaint generally alleges that Defendant was engaged in widespread overtime violations and that mass layoffs occurred in late 2021-early 2022 that violated the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (among other claims). (ECF6.) The purpose of the motion to amend is to add several plaintiffs and additional relevant allegations in advance of Defendant's answer or other response to Plaintiffs' complaint. Plaintiffs' complaint has already been amended once as of right under Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(a) and so we need Defendant's "written consent" or "leave" of the Court to amend again.

Per section III(B) of Your Honor's rules, we emailed Defendant's counsel with a proposed briefing schedule on March 1, 2022 with this schedule: March 15, 2022 to file<sup>1</sup> the motion; April 1, 2022 to oppose; April 8, 22 for any reply. Defendant's counsel seemingly agreed to a consent order instead; we submitted a draft to Defendant's counsel; but none has been executed as yet. We separately agreed to an April 14, 2022 date for Defendant to respond to Plaintiffs' complaint.

We would obviously prefer to file the amendment via consent order, given the very early stage of this litigation, but we have an obligation to add the several plaintiffs in a reasonable timeframe, so out of caution we are requesting a briefing schedule.

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<sup>1</sup> "File" in this context means compliance with the Court's "Bundling Rule."

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In alternative, if the Court is inclined to grant “leave” under Fed.R.Civv.P. 15(a) without a motion, that would likely be more efficient, but we did not want to presume the Court would grant “leave” without a motion.

In sum, we are requesting either the proposed briefing schedule on the motion to amend or “leave” to amend by March 15, 2022.

Thank you for your courtesies and consideration. There is a “so ordered” line below if applicable.

Respectfully submitted,



JUSTIN D. SANTAGATA

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cc: Katherine Thomas Batista, Esq. (via ECF).

SO ORDERED:

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HON. ERIC N. VITALIANO, U.S.D.J.

DATED: MARCH \_\_, 2022